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Dear County Director of Social Services

Subject: Federal APD Approval

The Department is pleased to announce that the NC FAST Project received Federal approval of the December 2004 Advance Planning Document Update (ADPU) August 8, 2005 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This approval allows the Department to move forth with the implementation of NC FAST, including Service Delivery Interface (SDI). This approval was made with the condition that the State provide assurances that individual counties will not use Federal or State Funds for the changes that counties may need to make in order to utilize NC FAST.

In order to comply with Federal requirements we are instructing counties not to include any expenditure for reimbursement utilizing the DSS 1571 process for modifications to local case management systems in relation to interfacing with or utilizing the SDI. To assure compliance with this fiscal requirement, the DSS Cross-cutting Audit Compliance Supplement will include a review of this requirement.

Please continue to refer to the DHHS Fiscal manual or contact Will Brown/Division of Social Services, at (919)733-8251 or email Will.Brown@ncmail.net regarding the purchase and/or acquisition of hardware, software and other services related to information technology. If you have questions concerning this letter please contact James Norris, Budget Analyst for the NC FAST Project/Division of Information Resource Management, at (919)661-4823 ext. 235 or email James.Norris@ncmail.net.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the NC FAST Project.

Sincerely,

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